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Applicants have carefully studied the Examiner's remarks and cited references in the Office Action dated October 5, 2005, and request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.